

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Ronald J. Loftus

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For: "System and Method For High  
Capacity/Failure Tolerance  
Telecommunications In A Signaling  
Network Gateway"

) Group Art Unit: 2662

) Examiner: Donald L. Mills


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<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 19, 2006.</p> <p align="center">MARSH FISCHMANN &amp; BREYFOGLE, LLP</p> <p>By:  MAUREEN SILEO</p>
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits this Amendment and Request for Continued Examination responsive to the Advisory Action having a mailing date of Oct. 18, 2006. The Applicant submits a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for 3 months, thereby extending the date for filing the RCE from Sept. 20, 2006 to Dec. 20, 2006. Accordingly, the Applicant has included a payment of \$1810 for the filing of the RCE (\$790) and for the 3 months extension of time (\$1020). Although the Applicant believes that no other claims fees are due for filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.